

REMARKS

In the amendments above, Claims 1 to 29 have been cancelled in favor of new Claims 30 to 49. Support for new Claims 30 to 49 can be found, for example, in Claims 1 to 29 as well as Paragraphs 10 and 22 to 24.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a personal interview with James Patrick Griffin, Jr., one of the inventors herein, and Applicants' undersigned attorney. During said interview proposed replacement claims and the references cited were discussed. It was understood that revisions to the proposed claims, which revisions are reflected in the new claims set forth above, should distinguish Applicants' invention from the references cited. It should be noted that the cross-sectional structure of the U-shaped reinforcing member is intended to achieve a frictional fit on the open edge of the door.

Claims 1-15, 18-23, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Examiner's attention is directed to the new claims above, which are believed to overcome this rejection.

In the Office Action, Claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Olton. Further Claims 1-15, 21-23, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Olton in combination with Long, Childress, Barnes, Beitel, Stein, Anderson, or Raulerson.

As discussed with the Examiner, new Claims 30-49 have been carefully crafted to distinguish Applicants' invention from the references cited, especially Olton. With particular regard to Olton, it should be noted concerning the component of Applicants' security system that corresponds to the edge protector disclosed by Olton, that that component of Applicants' security system comprises members with planar surfaces. Also, the door to which Applicants' security system is to be applied does not require the elaborate notching that is required according to Olton.

Applicants earnestly believe that the claims herein distinguish over the references cited by the Examiner and that the rejections under §102(e) or 103(a) have been overcome.

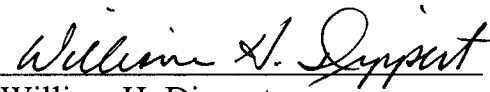
In the event that the claims herein are allowable but for a minor matter that could be subject of a supplemental response or an Examiner's Amendment, Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's contacting Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Applicants again thank the Examiner for the interview.

Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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